Review of system by TRAI

†*239.SHRIMATIMAYASINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI is reviewing the system keeping in view the hindrances related to slow uptake by Broadband;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made with regard to action taken/to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) After reviewing the progress made for provisioning of broadband connections, TRAI has recently sent a communication to Government recommending that Government should conduct a review of various provisions of Broadband Policy and should have reconsiderations of TRAI's earlier recommendation is pertaining to local loop unbundling and fiscal incentives for Broadband. These recoomendations were a part of the TRAI's recommendations on accelerating growth of internet and braodband penetration submitted in April, 2004. After considering these recommendations, Government announced Broadband Policy, 2004 on 14th October, 2004 with a view to provide inpetus to Broadband and Internet penetration in the country and the recommendations pertaining to local loop unbundling and fiscal incentives were generally not agreed to.

However, the recent communication from TRAI is under examination.

Computerization of Post Offices

*240. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Post Offices that have been computerized for counter work and back-office work are very less in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken for the computerization of all the Post Offices in the country, so as to create an all India computer-network for the Post Offices; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the justfications therefor including the number of Post Offices that have been computerized for counter work out of the total number of Post Offices in each State alongwith percentage thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There are 26,044 Departmental Post Offices in the country and the Department has an approved Plan scheme to computerise 7700 large Departmental Post Offices in the Tenth Plan. Till date, computers have been supplied to 5232 such Post Offices. Remaining 2468 Post Offices will be computerized during 2005-06 & 2006-07 subject to availability of fund.

(b) The Department is presently implementing a scheme to computerize & network 7700 large Departmental Post Office. A proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission for computerisation of remaining 18,344 Departmental Post Offices so as to cover all Departmental Post Offices for an all India computer-network. Planning Commission is examining the proposal.

(c) State-wise total number of Departmental Post Offices, number of Post Offices computerized till date and the percentage of computerized Post Offices against total Departmental Post Offices are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

State-wise total number of Departmental Post Offices and Percentage of Computerized Post Offices as on 30 November, 2005

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Total No. of Departmental Post Offices	No. Of computerized Post Offices	Percentage Computerize Post Offices
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	2468	452	18.31
2	Assam	623	110	17.65
3	Bihar	1042	57	5.47
4	Chhattisgarh	659	84	12.75
5	Delhi	427	150	35.12
6	Gujarat	1361	131	9.62
7	Haryana	483	156	32.29
8	Himachal Pradesh	464	120	25.86
9	Jammu & Kashmir	258	68	26.35
10	Jharkhand	448	104	23.21

1	2	3	4	5
11	Karnataka	1854	397	21.41
12	Kerala	1515	545	35.97
13	Madhya Pradesh	770	244	31.69
14	Maharashtra	2332	864	37.04
15	North-East	334	65	19.46
16	Orissa	1207	179	14.83
17	Punjab	820	239	29.14
18	Rajasthan	1441	259	17.97
19	Tamil Nadu	2853	584	20.46
20	Uttar Pradesh	2538	114	4.49
21	Uttaranchal	393	124	31.55
22	West Bengal	1754	186	10.60
	TOTAL:	26044	5232	20.08

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Generation of employment opportunities

1647. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 lakh additional employement opportunities are to be generated during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the target achieved so far, year-wise; and

(c) whether any survey has been done to know if this employement generation has checked migration of rural labour to cities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) A target of generating 25 lakh additional employment opportunities has been fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(b) The year-wise details of targets and achievements under the REGP, during the first three years of the Tenth Plan period, are as under:

Year	Target (lakh persons)	Achievements (lakh persons)
2002-03	4.00	3.61
2003-04	5.00	4.71
2004-05	5.25	5.30

(c) No, Sir.